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SUBJECT:BILLINGTON VISIT TO POLAND

REF: A. STATE A-3815; B. GOSENDE-HACKER TELCON

1. AS INDICATED REPAIR, BILLINGTON PLANS ARRIVE WARSAW 9:05 A.M., JUNE TWELVE AND DEPART FOR VIENNA OS 622 JUNE FIFTEEN.
2. PURPOSE OF VISIT IS TO RECRUIT CANDIDATES FOR RESEARCH SCHOLAR GRANTS AT WOODROW WILSON CENTER OF SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION.
3. THROUGH POLISH EMBASSY, BILLINGTON HAS REQUESTED MEETINGS WITH LONGIN PASTUSIAK (PISM), BOGUSLAW LESNODORSKI (HISTORY), JAN STRZELECKI (ANTHROPOLOGIST), MARIAN MALOWIST (HISTORY), WITOLD KULA, JANUSZ TADIR, BRONISLAW GOREMEK, AND WRITER STEFAN KISIELEWSKI. HAS ALSO WRITTEN TO AMBASSADOR DAVIES RE VISIT.
4. PLS RESERVE SINGLE HOTEL ROOM AND MEET ON ARRIVAL.

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5. FYI: REQUEST YOU BRIEF BILLINGTON ON CURRENT STATUS

AMERICAN STUDIES CENTER (ASC). HE IS MEMBER BOARD OF FOREIGN SCHOLARSHIPS (BFS) AND ITS SUB-COMMITTEE ON EASTERN EUROPE. UNDER NEW CU PROCEDURES, BFS MUST BE CONSULTED ON ALL CU GRANTS-IN-AID INVOLVING AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS, WHICH WOULD INCLUDE THE PROJECTED CU GRANT TO INDIANA FOR THE ASC. SUGGEST YOUR BRIEFING INCLUDE EXPLANATION OF AMERICAN STUDIES PROGRAMS PLANNED FOR ASC, AND REASONS WHY POLES PREFER AN AMERICAN UNIVERSITY AS PARTNER RATHER THAN DEPT. YOU SHOULD ALSO NOTE THAT ILLINOIS WILL BE PARTICIPATING JOINTLY WITH INDIANA, AND THAT WE ARE HOPING TO ADD OTHER MIDWEST UNIVERSITIES IN FUTURE YEARS. FARNHAM CALLED ON CU/EE JUNE 4 AND IS VERY INTERESTED IN ACCEPTING WARSAW UNIV. LECTURESHIP AND WORKING WITH HEDIN TO LAY GROUNDWORK FOR ASC. END FYI. KISSINGER

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